

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE

Key Points Regarding Proposed Distribution of New UWL Need Based Institutional Grant
(contact: Chancellor Joe Gow at gow.joe@uwlax.edu)

- **Goals for distribution:**
 - To help meet the unmet need of eligible students
 - To help offset the cost of the tuition increase w/Growth, Quality & Access
 - To make a difference for our high need low and middle income students
- **Who will be eligible?**
 - Wisconsin residents
 - New freshmen in 2008-09
 - File for Financial Aid
 - Have a financial need of approximately \$7000 and higher (based on Cost of Attendance - Estimated Family Contribution - EFC)
- **Why use the EFC?**
 - EFC is the calculation by the federal processor to determine family's ability to pay
 - Takes into account parent income & assets, student income & assets, family size and number in school
 - A more realistic indicator of family's ability to pay than income alone
- **Because some of our lowest income students are able to meet their needs through other Federal/State financial aid programs we expect this grant to truly make a difference for some of our high need middle income students who would otherwise only have the option of private educational loans or parent loans to cover their unmet need.**
- **With our current \$225,400 in new GPR, grants of up to \$500 can be targeted toward students who demonstrate financial need of more than \$7000 (EFC of approximately \$8000) and can be used to meet the 'unmet' need after all other Federal/State programs have been offered. The grants will assist those who still have unmet need after receiving other Federal/State financial aid programs which they qualify for.**
- **If we can use all \$664,800 of GPR—as the proposed legislation would allow—we can double the amount of grant for each student to offset the \$1000 tuition increase and give the grant to both first year and second year students who will both be impacted by the \$1000 increase.**

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Pending Legislation

AB 854

Providing Financial Aid at UW-La Crosse

Full Description

(Shilling/Nass/Vinehout/Kapanke): At the December 2007 Board of Regents meeting, Regents passed Resolution I.2.d (Full Agenda p. 55) approving the differential tuition for all UW-La Crosse undergraduates and encouraging the Legislature to apply \$664,800 of the general purpose revenue funding from the 2007-09 UW-La Crosse Growth Agenda to need based financial aid for students affected by this initiative.

The 2007-09 biennial budget allocated the Board of Regents \$664,800 in general purpose revenue in the fiscal year 2008-09 for the purpose of supporting the UW-La Crosse Growth Agenda.

This legislation requires the Board to expend the total amount of that allocation on need based financial aid.

Referred to:

AB 854 – Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities

UW System Position

SUPPORT: The Board of Regents forwarded, as part of its 2007-2009 State Budget request, a comprehensive *Growth, Quality and Access* plan for UW-La Crosse to increase enrollment while preserving educational quality and ensuring the school remains accessible to all students.

Modified provisions of the plan passed in the 07-09 State Budget but did not provide the statutory authority required for UW-La Crosse to use new GPR funding for financial aid (October 2007).

The Board of Regents in December 2007 reaffirmed their unanimous support for UW-La Crosse's *Growth, Quality and Access Plan*, including the use of GPR funding for need-based financial aid. However, this requires legislative approval.

SB516/AB852 (February 2008) seeks the legislative approval necessary to complete the financial aid provision of UW-La Crosse's plan. SB516/AB852 is revenue-neutral, and will not cost anything to the state. Furthermore, it supported by a bi-partisan coalition of legislators from across Wisconsin, as well as by students, faculty, alumni, business and community leaders from La Crosse and the Coulee Region.

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Lots of cases
saying CFB report
is valid

Appears in CFB summary of
what Sen Dem Caucus wanted to
do.

When CFB staffs caucus, they get
instructions - they summarize but
don't ~~ask~~ ask in stats.

In CFB summ of Sen Dems, ends up
in final

- See in summary of final Act

- 2007 WI Act

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Item 4

This is how they do it.

Start of leg intent

4 BOR tried to use for something else,
would violate intent

Sec 16.50 (2) reference to budget
determinations.

(1) Agencies estimate expenditures

(2) DTA must examine list to ensure
spending reflects intent of leg etc.